

Notes: The Jerusalem Arab Radio is out of order; as a substitute, here is the "Damascus Radio" of 400 mts, short wave.

1. Count Bernadotte has declared that he is going to ask the Jewish authorities to stop immigration of military aged persons at least during the truce. It is expected that Shertok will object to this request and will ask for the complete freedom of immigration.

1000 new observers have arrived in Palestine. About a hundred will be sent to Jerusalem.

The UNO spends about 6000 pounds daily on its observers in Palestine.

2. The British and American military Governors have postponed their journeys so as to remain in Berlin while the Moscow talks are going on.

3. Foreign secretary George Marshall said that although the closing down of the Russian and U.S. Consulates is something uncheerful, yet it is not likely to have any bad results.

Speaking of the talks now going on in Moscow, Marshall said: "....In due time a manifesto will be given," but he did not say whether it will be three or four sided one.

The foreign secretary also highly praised the Greek army.

Thursday-morning, Aug. 26, 1948.

Notes: (Due to bad reception the Jm Arab station was on the air for 5 minutes only. As a substitute the "Cairo Calling" is reported below. WT)

1. Jewish attacks on the old city and Arab lines started early yesterday when 15 mortar bombs were directed to the old city. At about 7:30 p.m. over 40 bombs were thrown on Arab lines at Zion area. At 10 p.m. Jewish soldiers tried to walk into the Damascus Gate area from the direction of the Notre Dame, but were repulsed and 8 dead bodies were found this morning.

The northern and southern sides of the Govt. House were exposed to Jewish fire last night. Arab forces replied.

CAIRO

CAIRO CALLING: 2: 30 (" 4:30) p.m.

1. Syrian foreign minister Muhsen Barazi denied Jewish-Arab talks rumours saying that such talks are impossible in these circumstances.

The meeting between Arab and Jewish military leaders in Jerusalem has been postponed. (?)

The Syrian minister of defence and the Syrian army leader visited the Syrian fronts. Syrian def. minister Adel Arsalan expressed his great satisfaction with the unification of the Iraqi and Trans-Jordanian ~~armies~~ commands.

2. The U.S. ministry of agriculture decided to give 20,000 röttles of food for Arab and Jewish refugees.

3. Gold mines were discovered near Lathiqia (Syria), according a Reuter's message from Damascus.

Wed.-afternoon, Aug. 25, 1948.

1. Azzam Pasha denied the rumours that talks are going on between Arabs and Jews for a peaceful settlement, and said that it is in the Arab interest to have talks behind the curtain.

These rumours were based on an American broadcast which alleged that Shertok had declared that such talks were going on in a foreign capital.

2. Azzam Pasha attended all the meetings of the Iraqi and Egyptian P.M.'s the main purpose of which is the unification of Arab commands in Palestine. It is also said that the next meeting of the Arab League will be very important as far as Palestine is concerned.

Commenting on the unification of the Trans-Jordanian and Iraqi commands, the Syrian P.M. Jamil Mardam said: " This is likely to have great value in our coming victory in Palestine, and from now we'll expect important news".

3. When Count Bernadotte arrives in Cairo next week, the Arabs will ask ~~him~~ him to consider the coming back of the refugees to their homes and places as the most important condition. In this connection it is mentioned that the Arab conditions for the truce were: the return of Arab refugees, the stopping of immigration during the truce, and the determination of the truce period.

4. A commercial treaty between Syria and Britain ~~xxx~~ is being considered by the Govt. at Damascus.

5. Commenting on the Moscow discussions, the British "Daily Express" says: "...We should not be optimistic." The "London Times" says: ".....There is still hope for a peaceful solution of the Berlin problem."

6. The Russian Govt. has closed down its ~~its~~ Consulate General in New York and has asked the U.S.Govt. to close down its Consulate General in Moscow.

7. M.T.Lie has received a cable from Haidar Abaad asking the Sec. of the UNO to put the disputes between India and the State of Haidar Abaad under consideration.

Wed.-morning, Aug.25,1948.

I. It has been established that the Jews withdrew from the Arab College and the Agricultural College in the Govt. House area.

The Chief Hgganah leader in Jerusalem Hayem Hayaren and his assistant have been reported as killed in the battle of the Govt. House.

2. A Jewish shell fell on the Mosque of Omar yesterday. In this occasion Abdullah el Tal has directed a warning to the UN observers in Jerusalem stating that the continued Jewish violations may oblige the Arabs to take serious measures that would make the 100,000 Jews leave Jerusalem to the areas outside the municipal boundaries.

3. The Su'udi Arabian Oil Company has given 100,000 pounds in aid of the Palestine refugees.

" N. E. B. S. " -CYPRUS.

I. The Iraqi P.M. arrived in Cairo yesterday and met the Egyptian P.M. twice. The subject of this visit is known to be the unification of Arab commands in Palestine.

2. The Iraqi Regent visited all fronts in Palestine .

3. Important political talks are taking place in Amman in preparation of the "coming Arab jump in Palestine."

Note: (The incident of George Paro was given in the broadcast of the a/m station with complete details. No comments were made.WT.)

Tuesday-afternoon, Aug. 24, 1948.

NEWS DIGEST.

1. At 10:30 last night the Jews opened fire on Arab positions at Zion area, Notre Dame, and Bab el Sahreh.
2. Syrian P.M. Jamil Mardam said that the first important duty before the new Syrian cabinet is to mobilize all the national resources for the Palestine struggle and to help in bringing about the unification of all Arab armies commands in Palestine.
3. The Jews have withdrawn from the Agricultural College, according to the Red Cross authorities in Security Zone No. 2.

THE NEAR EAST BROADCASTING STATION

This is a station run by the British army and it broadcasts only in Arabic. It has been functioning since the war (since 1940.)

Late last night, the a/m station said that attempts are being made to unite all commands of Arab armies in Palestine.

The death of the Jewish army leader in Jerusalem was also announced by the N.E.B.S.

Tuesday-morning, Aug. 25, 1948.

1. Important political negotiations were carried out in Amman yesterday by Iraqi and Trans-Jordanian Govts. King Abdullah, Prince Abdullah, Iraqi and Trans-Jordanian P.M.'s were also present. Among the subjects dealt with was the unification of the command of both states. Commenting on this subject, the a/m station said, the Radio of Cairo said that this act adds to the strenght of the Arab armies.

Lebanese and Syrian P.M.'s will visit Amman very shortly to participate in the same negotiations.

2. Shertok has sent a message to the Sec. Council asking for an explanation regarding the prevention of irregulars on both side from violating the truce, and whether or not an immediate action be done in case of a violation by the category mentioned above.

Iraq has asked the Arab countries to supply her with information about Jewish violations and illegal ships of arms and illegal immigrants.

In this connection it is mentioned that a ship loaded with arms and soldiers on its way to Palestine is now in a French port. Azam Pasha has sent a word to Count Bernadotte about it..

3. At 11:15 p.m. yesterday Jews attacked Arab lines in Zion area and shelled the Convent of Deir Abu Tur. Heavy shells also fell very close to the Mosque of Omar and no damage was done.

4. On being asked about the international position of the Arab League and the attitude of the various states of the world towards the Palestine case, the Sec. General of the Arab League said that the League is very young, and that no international organization has ever faced such difficulties as those of the Arab League at such an age of hers. As to the attitude of the states, he said, one has to remember that there are always different policies to be accounted for by every Govt. and that one should not blame a Govt. for not being able to have another attitude under special circumstances. Still, things are promising, the Pasha is glad to have added.

Monday-afternoon, Aug. 23, 1948.

NEWS DIGEST.

1. A military meeting was held in Amman yesterday. Those present described the results as being "very good". There may be another meeting to-day.
2. The truce meeting of yesterday was described by the head of the UN-observers in Jerusalem as being "Good.". The same authority declared that the situation in Jerusalem is "bad" and that unless something immediate is done about it, it may become worse.
3. H.Royal Highness ~~XXXXXX~~ Haider Abaad, of India, has given 75,000 pounds in aid of the Palestine refugees.
4. Jewish sources speak of dissatisfaction among their people arising out of the economic crisis brought about by the present war.

Monday-morning, Aug.23,1948.

1. Among the five points contemplated by the decision of the Sec Council regarding truce violation, the following have had much echoe in radio stations:

A) No reprisals or ratiliation is allowed in case of truce violation by either side.

B) Each party is responsible for the acts of the regular and irregular forces under its command.

After declaring the failure of his mission as a mediator, Count Bernadotte added that the demilitarization of Jerusalem needs a well equipped international force. News agencies say that no nation has shown any readiness yet to carry out her duties in this respect.

2. Commenting on the foreign policy of the U.S. towards the Palestine problem, the Pakistan foreign ministersaid that the American nation used to look at its Govt. as that of the world, but now things have changed very much, the foreign minister added.

3. Several nations have decided to respond to the mediator's appeal for the help of the Arab refugees in Palestine, according to a Reuter's message.

4. A Reuter's message from Cairo says that Arab League Leaders are trying to make of the League an organization of wider and greater importance than its present one, and are determined to do every thing that helps the realization of this idea.

Saturday-morning, Aug.21, 1948.



1. The Sec. Council took a decision yesterday to warn both parties in Palestine in connection with truce violations.

In a report from Bernadotte to the Council the mediator said that violations are continuous and that the situation in Jerusalem is going from bad to worse. It is also difficult to determine the responsible party these violations when they take place.

The Chief Observer in Palestine has directed a warning to the Jews regarding their intended attacks on the Govt. House and the other Red Cross areas. The same authority also declared that the UN-observers are exposed to fire on both sides and that yesterday a shell fell near a UN-plane.

In the south, the UN-observers report a dispute between the Egyptian army and the Jewish forces; a solution was suggested by the mediator's Rep. but both sides refused it.

The Jews entered the Arab College near the Govt. House yesterday and took over 20 persons including women, old men and children who had been refugees in that Red Cross building. The Red Cross authorities directed a warning to the Jews regarding these refugees and the withdrawal from this Sec. area.

2. It has been understood that the Syrians and the Lebanese Primiers will represent the Arabs in the coming UN-session of Paris.

In a statement to the press yesterday Azzam Pasha said that the Sec. Council has proved weak in dealing with the Palestine problem and that had the violations been due to Arab aggressions the Council would have taken every step to punish the Arabs, but it is the Jews. The Arabs still believe that their case is right and just and God will always be with them, as well as the Guards of Right and Justice in the world, added the Sec. Gen. of the Arab League.

3. Talks are being carried out in Damascus regarding a rail way line between Iraq and Syria.

Friday-morning, Aug. 20, 1948.